

Judith 12

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12:1 Then he commanded to bring her in where his plate was set; and bade that they should prepare for her of his own meats, and that she should drink of his own wine.

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12:2 And Judeth said, I will not eat thereof, lest there be an offence: but provision shall be made for me of the things that I have brought.

12:3 Then Holofernes said unto her, If thy

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**provision should
fail, how should
we give thee the
like? for there be
none with us of
thy nation.**

12:4 Then said
Judeth unto him
As thy soul liveth,
my lord, thine
handmaid shall

JUDITH

**not spend those
things that I have,
before the Lord
work by mine
hand the things
that he hath
determined.**

12:5 Then the
servants of
Holofernes
brought her into

JUDITH

**the tent, and she
slept till midnight,
and she arose
when it was
toward the
morning watch,
12:6 And sent to
Holofernes,
saying, Let my
lord now
command that**

**thine handmaid
may go forth
unto prayer.**

12:7 Then

**Holofernes
commanded his
guard that they
should not stay
her: thus she
abode in the camp
three days, and**

JUDITH

**went out in the
night into the
valley of Bethulia,
and washed
herself in a
fountain of water
by the camp.**

12:8 And when
she came out, she
besought the Lord
God of Israel to

JUDITH

**direct her way to
the raising up of
the children of
her people.**

12:9 So she came
in clean, and
remained in the
tent, until she did
eat her meat at
evening.

12:10 And in the

**fourth day
Holofernes made a
feast to his own
servants only, and
called none of the
officers to the
banquet.**

12:11 Then said
he to Bagoas the
eunuch, who had
charge over all

JUDITH

**that he had, Go
now, and
persuade this
Hebrew woman
which is with thee,
that she come
unto us, and eat
and drink with us.
12:12 For, lo, it
will be a shame for
our person, if we**

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shall let such a woman go, not having had her company; for if we draw her not unto us, she will laugh us to scorn.

12:13 Then went Bagoas from the presence of Holofernes, and

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**came to her, and
he said, Let not
this fair damsel
fear to come to my
lord, and to be
honoured in his
presence, and
drink wine, and be
merry with us and
be made this day
as one of the**

JUDITH

**daughters of the
Assyrians, which
serve in the
house of
Nabuchodonosor.**

12:14 Then said
Judeth unto him,
Who am I now,
that I should
gainsay my lord?
surely whatsoever

JUDITH

**pleaseth him I will
do speedily, and it
shall be my joy
unto the day
of my death.**

12:15 So she
arose, and decked
herself with her
apparel and all her
woman's attire,
and her maid went

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**and laid soft skins
on the ground for
her over against
Holofernes, which
she had received
of Bagoas for her
daily use, that she
might sit and eat
upon them.**

12:16 Now when
Judeth came in

**and sat down,
Holofernes his
heart was
ravished with her,
and his mind was
moved, and he
desired greatly her
company; for he
waited a time to
deceive her, from
the day that he**

JUDITH

had seen her.

12:17 Then said
Holofernes unto
her, Drink now,
and be merry
with us.

12:18 So Judeth
said, I will drink
now, my lord,
because my life is
magnified in me

JUDITH

**this day more than
all the days since I
was born.**

12:19 Then she
took and ate and
drank before him
what her maid had
prepared.

12:20 And
Holofernes took
great delight in

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**her, and drank
more wine than
he had drunk
at any time
in one day
since he
was born.**